NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY: JUNE 27

Free HIV testing at participating Walgreens stores



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Martin County, FL – In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, the Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH-Martin) is partnering with <u>Greater Than AIDS</u> and Walgreens stores to provide free HIV testing on Monday, June 27.

The DOH-Martin team will provide free HIV tests and counseling at the Walgreens store located at 3180 SE Federal Highway in Stuart. No appointment is needed. Visit, https://www.greaterthan.org/free-testing-nhtd-2022/ to find additional testing locations.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 13% of the estimated 1.2 million living with HIV today are not aware of their status. Early diagnosis and treatment are vital to preserving health and preventing transmission.

HIV-negative individuals are encouraged to reduce the chance of contracting HIV by using prevention strategies. Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medication is available through DOH-Martin. PrEP is a once-daily pill that can reduce the chance of acquiring HIV in HIV-negative individuals. PrEP should be used in conjunction with other prevention methods like condoms to reduce the chance of infection.

FREE HIV TESTING

Provided by the Florida Department of Health, Martin County

Monday, June 27 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Walgreens 3180 SE Federal Highway, Stuart

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